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WITH REFERENCE TO MY MESSAGE OF APRIL, ARA'S DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF MARCH, AND THE GOH REQUESTS FOR VARIOUS JEEPS, TRUCK SPARE PARTS AND M-1 REFLE SPARE PARTS DATING BACK TO AT LEAST DECEMBER, I FAIL TO UNDERSTAND WHY IT SHOULD TAKE SO LONG FOR THE U.S. TO MAKE A DECISION. THE GOH REQUESTS ARE ROUTINE AND MODEST. THEY ARE ALSO, IN MY OPINION, APPROPRIATE FOR FAVORABLE ACTION IN VIEW OF CONTINUED HUMAN RIGHTS IMPROVEMENTS BY THE GOH. OUR FAILURE TO RESPOND TO THESE ROUTINE REQUESTS TENDS TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION OF U.S. DISSATISFACTION WITH IMPROVEMENTS TAKEN AT LEAST IN PART TO ACCOMMODATE U.S. INTERESTS. AT THE SAME TIME IT VITIATES THE INCENTIVE THE FLEXIBLE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CAN PROVIDE THE GOH IN THE SUPPORT OF U.S. INTERESTS. FINALLY, IT MAKES USG LOOK INDECISIVE AND OVERLY SLOW IN ITS DECISION MAKING PROCESS, A COMPLAINT WE REGULARLY MAKE AGAINST THE GOH. I WOULD HOPE SOME WAY MAY BE FOUND TO BREAK THE LOG JAM.

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